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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
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Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340, RM-11683; Reply to comments

Dear Federal Communications Commission:

For more than a year now, I've been following the back-and-forth shenanigans between the GPS industry and LightSquared, and as a farmer and small business owner, I've previously advocated on behalf of LightSquared's efforts to bring to fruition its wholesale business model and wireless broadband network.

Without getting into a lot of mumbo-jumbo, I want to humbly ask that you consider my request to approve LightSquared's applications before you all. While I'm an avid fan of precision agriculture and the benefits of GPS to my business, I have to tell you that I'm a much stronger advocate of greater access to broadband for rural America. Thank God that the latest movement between the two sides seems to indicate a path forward so that we can indeed continue to have access to the critical GPS services our farm needs but also ultimately benefit from the hopes and dreams of both LightSquared and so many rural Americans.

As for comments made by a handful of parties telling the FCC to investigate the impact of LightSquared's proposal to share spectrum with government users, I'd like to remind those commenters that LightSquared's own proposal flat-out states that it is committed to protecting such users that use government services remaining in that spectrum.

I can't believe that rural states like mine continue to play second-fiddle to larger towns and cities – not just with technology but also with industrial and economic recruitment efforts. As someone familiar with those ongoing attempts to attract more industry to our state, I have to tell you that I firmly believe that outfits like LightSquared will do a hell of a lot to help level the playing field when it comes to providing the technological benefits that so many of us in rural states long for. As some people have commented, LightSquared's wholesale provision of this service opens up this spectrum for not just one competitor, but almost an infinite number of current and potential players in the wireless market.

Much gratitude for taking my viewpoint into consideration; I hope that you'll not waste precious time in approving the company's request so it can move forward with building its wholesale network.

Sincerely,

  
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